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Section 2, Special Branch.  
REPORT

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Subject (in full) Prevention of influx of bad characters into Shanghai --  
interview with Dr. Hung Chi.

Made by D.S.I. Prékofiev. Forwarded by

*JBK*

With reference to the endorsement of the Deputy Commissioner (Special Branch) on the attached translation of a leading article from "SLOVO" of November 15, 1934, on the subject of influx into Shanghai of bad characters from Harbin, I have to report that a copy of the translation in question was passed through the medium of Supt. Tan Shao Liang to Dr. Hung Chi, Chief of the 2nd Division of the Public Safety Bureau, under whose control is the Passport Examination Office.

Interviewed by the undersigned on December 3, Dr. Hung Chi stated that he fully realised the seriousness of the situation and pointed out that prevention of the influx of undesirable elements into Shanghai was a complicated problem which required co-operation of the three police forces in Shanghai. Therefore, should the Public Safety Bureau receive an official communication on the subject from the Shanghai Municipal Police, Dr. Hung Chi would suggest that a conference be held by representatives of the Municipal, French, and City Police Forces to devise measures to be adopted in this connection.

*A. Prékofiev*  
D. S. I.

Deputy Commissioner, Special Branch.

*S.S.*  
Please let me know if there is a system for the registration of foreigners in force in Manchukuo and how it works. *JH*  
D.S. Umemoto.

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Translation of leading article which appeared in "SLOVO"  
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#### HARBIN "STARS" COMING TO SHANGHAI.

Life of the Russian community in Shanghai is getting complicated. Along with the increasing number of respectable people who come here in quest of employment or in order to establish a business, many political chameleons, disguised communists and, of course, many criminals find their way into this city.

For individuals of the latter category there is almost nothing to do in Harbin at present. Every one of them is well known there, the objects of their "experiments" are impoverished and punishments are very severe in Harbin. Therefore Shanghai presents a great temptation to Harbin criminal elements.

Certain persons who recently arrived here from Harbin and who know well the underworld of that city, as they had been engaged for many years in combatting it, state that the present slogan of Harbin criminal elements is "Let's go to Shanghai".

It must be noted that during the course of this year certain disorderly elements, who arrived in Shanghai from various places, have brought about a distinct and very unpleasant change in the general style of our life here.

Senseless street brawls, stabbing affairs and scandals of every description are frequent occurrences now, while formerly cases of this nature were totally unknown in Shanghai.

In the daily chronicle of scandalous occurrences the disorderly elements who arrived in Shanghai recently, play a predominant part. The local underworld was also reinforced by Harbin criminal elements in the course of the past few years. Should more of them come here, the Russian community will feel the unpleasant consequences.

We presume that the local authorities are fully aware of this danger and will adopt appropriate measures in order to put an end to a further influx of criminal elements into this city and will tighten their control over the local underworld. If, nevertheless, more criminals come to Shanghai, an increase in crime can certainly be anticipated. This is a problem which calls for a careful consideration.

The best solution of the problem would be the establishment by the police forces of the three municipalities of an information service with a view to preventing influx of criminals in Shanghai, no matter where from and by what route they arrive here.

In this respect the Russian community can do little, as measures of this nature come within the competency of police and judicial organs. But in the struggle against hooliganism and disorderly conduct, we are in a position to render assistance to the authorities as well as to guard our own interests.

Not a single case of hooliganism should remain unexposed. Apart from rendering assistance to the authorities in this respect, we must adopt a definite and firm attitude towards disorderly elements in our midst. Strict rules should be worked out in order to exclude these elements from our midst. In a hostile atmosphere individuals of the above mentioned category will soon cease to indulge in their favourite "sport", such as street fighting, stabbing affairs etc. with which the bulk of the local Russian community has nothing in common.

The struggle against the influx in Shanghai of political chameleons, agents-provocateurs and communists is much more difficult, especially taking into consideration our unpardonably lenient attitude towards such people. From this side, many unpleasant and painful surprises may be anticipated, especially under the present difficult situation. We have to be very cautious when admitting into our midst persons whose political

past has not been chequed on, and to exercise a greater vigilance in respect of new-comers.

All this, of course, is an unavoidable consequence of the general situation, which it is beyond our power to change. Nevertheless, we feel that we must give a timely warning, as all cases of breach of peace and order on the part of disorderly elements who have nothing in common with the bulk of the local Russian community, will be utilized in order to bring discredit on the community as a whole.

*D.S. S.B.*

*Information.*

*D.S.R. 16/11*

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*Please ascertain if the  
Passport Bureau is able  
to help in preventing bad-  
characters of Foreign  
nationality from coming  
to Shanghai and report.*

*M.S.*

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*D.S. 1. Prokafiev*

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and large numbers of innocent people who have been detained would be released, thereby relieving the congestion in our prisons.

China Evening News :-

RESTRICTION OF CHINESE EMIGRANTS TO SINGAPORE

As too large numbers of Chinese workers are arriving at Singapore and only a few are able to find work, the Singapore Government intends to restrict the entry of all labourers as from August this year.

China Evening News :-

REGISTRATION OF RUSSIANS ARRIVING IN SHANGHAI

Russians arriving in Shanghai are required to register with the Bureau of Public Safety within ten days of their arrival.

Up to the present, only 17,330 Russians have registered. We learn that the Bureau has requested the Association of Russian Residents in Shanghai to persuade Russians to comply with the law.

The Bureau will request the French Police and the S.M.P. for information regarding the Russian population in Shanghai.

Train or steamer tickets will not be sold to Russians who are not provided with passports issued by the Bureau.

China Times :-

TRADING IN JAPANESE COTTON TO BE RESUMED

AUGUST 1

At the request of Funatsu, President of the Japanese Cotton Mill Owners Association of Shanghai, the Chinese Cotton Goods Exchange, Avenue Edward VII, has decided to resume transactions in Japanese cotton thread as from August 1 this year.

The Exchange has convoked a meeting of experts at 4 p.m. July 26 to examine the quality of Japanese cotton thread. Japanese experts will also be in attendance.

Star Daily News :-

CRITICISM OF FRENCH EMPLOYEES OF SEMAPHORE STATION

The rise or drop in temperature is a matter closely connected with the health of the human being. Every day, numerous persons call at the semaphore station to seek information about the weather, but the French employees of the semaphore have adopted an attitude of "No Reply" and refuse to give out any information. This shows that the French people care nothing about the health of the people.

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registration of foreigners in Manchoukuo.

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With reference to the endorsement of the Deputy Commissioner, Special Branch, on the attached report of December 4 on the subject of the registration of foreigners in Manchoukuo, I have to state that information regarding the working of a system for the registration of foreigners being enforced in Manchoukuo is not available locally.

It is learned that the local Japanese Consular Police have requested the Japanese Ambassador to Manchoukuo to furnish information regarding arrivals of foreigners in Manchoukuo from Soviet Russia and departures from Manchoukuo for China as well as particulars concerning their passports, movements, etc. Should this request be complied with by the Japanese authorities in Manchoukuo, the movements in Manchoukuo of bad characters, either criminally or <sup>to</sup> politically, will be obtainable from the local Japanese Consulate.

A list of some 554 Russian and Chinese criminals who have been recently released in Harbin, Manchuli and other places in Manchoukuo by virtue of amnesty has been obtained by the local Japanese Consular Police on behalf of the Deputy Commissioner, Crime Branch, and is being kept in the <sup>\*</sup>Municipal Police Registry.

*D. S. Umemoto*

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D. C., Special Branch.

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*\* Amn. Br. Registry*

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CRIME BRANCH HEADQUARTERS.

Dec. 8, 1934.

DAILY INFORMATION SHEET.

No. 1586

### Property lost or stolen (bearing distinguishable marks).

Stolen from No. 189 Kiang Ying Ka, O.O.L., on 26-11-34:—One private ricscha, S.M.C. license No. 662, Chinese license No. 8071. The ricscha has no lamps, cushion or covers. (Crime Reg: E. 894).

### Information.

A list of the names of 554 Chinese and unrecognised foreign prisoners released in Harbin, Manchuli and other cities in Manchukuo by virtue of an amnesty, has been received and is on file in Crime Branch Registry. Owing to lack of detail and romanization difficulties, the list has not been translated, but reference can be made to the list if and when occasion arises.

Prisoners under Remand Writ of Detention have been connected with the following offences.

In custody at	F.I.R. No.	Address of Complainant	Nature of Offence.
Hongkew.	H. 2143/34.	S. M. P.	Possession of Arms.
do.	S. 1350/34.	125 Wenchow Road.	Armed Robbery.

### Amnesty Releases.

The total number of prisoners released to date is 2,741.